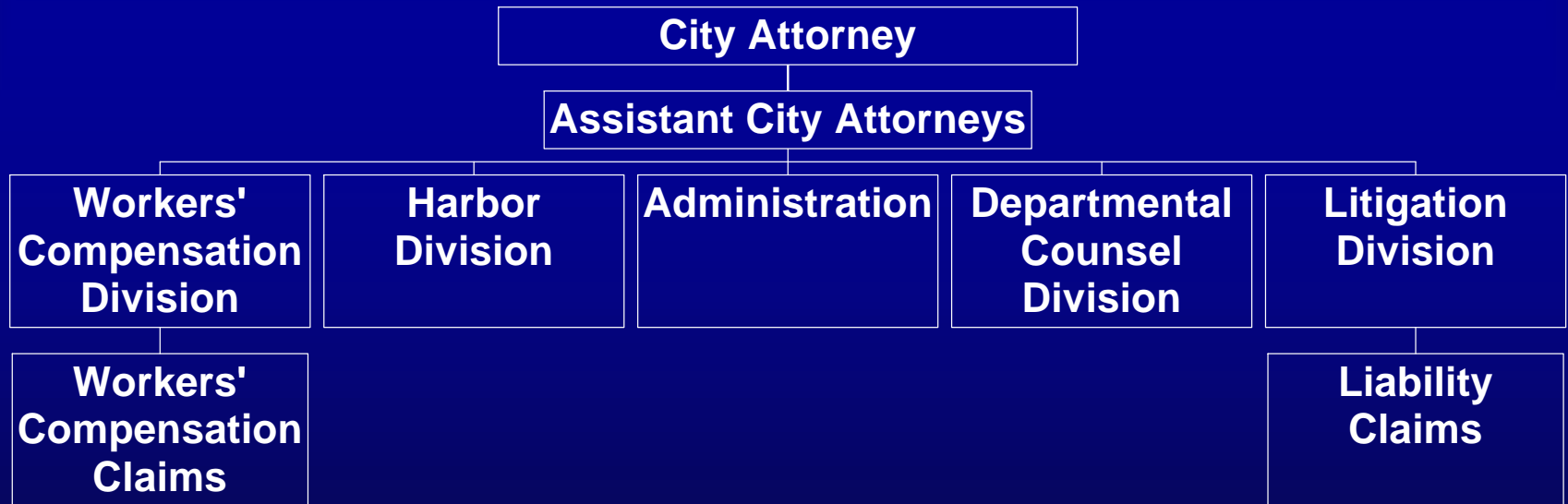


City of Long Beach
CITY ATTORNEY

FY2006-2007 BUDGET
PRESENTATION

Presented to the
Long Beach City Council
August 22, 2006

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY



DEPARTMENTAL COUNSEL DIVISION

- ❖ Staffed by 8 attorneys, and support personnel
- ❖ The **Departmental Counsel Division** provides legal advice to all City Manager departments and to all City boards and commissions, including:
 - *City Council*
 - *Planning Commission*
 - *Civil Service Commission*
 - *Redevelopment Agency*
 - *Housing Authority*
 - *Board of Water Commissioners*
 - *Board of Examiners, Appeals and Condemnation*
 - *Citizens' Police Complaint Commission*
 - *Long Beach Housing Development Company*

DEPARTMENTAL COUNSEL DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

❖ **TOTAL ASSIGNMENTS:** **4,781**

❖ **ASSIGNMENTS BY CATEGORY:**

- *Ordinances Prepared:* **76**
- *Resolutions Prepared:* **319**
- *Contracts Prepared:* **1,371**
- *Leases Prepared:* **68**
- *Legal Opinions:* **639**
- *Memorandums of Understanding Prepared:* **42**
- *Permits Prepared:* **136**

DEPARTMENTAL COUNSEL DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

❖ ASSIGNMENTS BY CATEGORY:

- *Bids Reviewed:* 10
- *Deeds Prepared or Reviewed:* 63
- *Plans & Specifications Reviewed:* 180
- *Declaration & Indemnity Agreements:* 139
- *Insurance Reviews & Approval:* 1525
- *Code Enforcement Activities including Nuisances related to Bars, Hotels and Drug-related Evictions:* 103

HARBOR DIVISION

- ❖ Staffed by 3* attorneys, and support personnel
- ❖ The **Harbor Division** provides legal advice and opinions, drafts contracts, resolutions, ordinances and other regulations for the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Harbor Department.

*City Attorney's office contracts in for one attorney who provides legal advice to and who is fully funded by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA)

HARBOR DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

❖ **TOTAL ASSIGNMENTS:** **1,982**

❖ **ASSIGNMENTS BY CATEGORY:**

- ***Documents prepared:*** **358**
(contracts, leases, permits, property purchase agreements, etc.)
- ***Board Ordinances prepared and adopted:*** **16**
- ***Board Resolutions prepared and adopted:*** **47**
- ***Formal Written Opinions and Advice:*** **123**
- ***Public Records Requests/Supoenas/Stop Notices:*** **118**
- ***Specifications and Bids reviewed:*** **79**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION

- ❖ Staffed by 3 attorneys, and 19 support personnel
- ❖ The **Workers' Compensation Division** handles all workers' compensation litigation and workers' compensation administration for the City.
- ❖ The Workers' Compensation Division is responsible for providing medical and indemnity benefits to injured employees covered by the City's Self Insured and Self Administered Workers' Compensation Program.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

The City Attorney's office is nearing its first full year of implementation of the Workers' Compensation Optimization Project:

- **Better customer service;**
- **Enhanced computer systems; and**
- **New legislative reforms.**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Results:

- Significant downward trends in the average cost to the City of newly filed Workers' Compensation claims.

Annual cost of new claims filed in:

2003: **\$3.38M**

2004: \$2.05M

2005: \$1.38M

2006: **\$1.37M**

- This represents a **59% decrease** in the annual cost of first year claims, which can be directly attributable to our improved business practices and the legislative reforms.

LITIGATION DIVISION

- ❖ Staffed by 6 attorneys, and support personnel
- ❖ The **Litigation Division** handles all litigation on behalf of the City before judicial and administrative bodies including:
 - *Actions involving personal injury & property damage*
 - *Civil rights violations*
 - *Excessive force*
 - *Constitutional issues*
 - *Personnel disputes*
 - *Dangerous conditions of public property*
 - *Breach of contract*
 - *Real estate issues*

LITIGATION DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

- Total Active Litigation Cases: 164
- Total Number of Governmental Tort Claims: 1010
- Total Number of Subpoenas: 486
- Total Number of Public Records Requests: 524
- Total Payments Claims & Lawsuits FY 05-06: \$2,666,512
- Money recovered for City of Long Beach: \$1,118,136

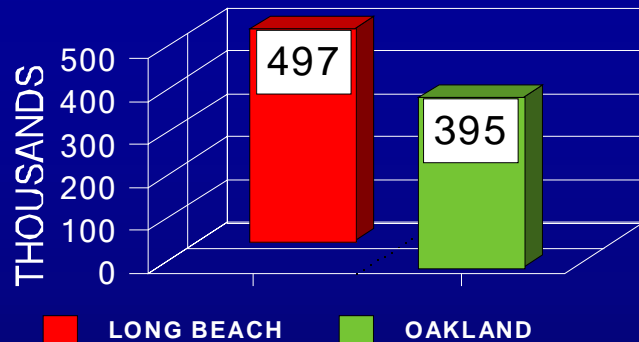
LITIGATION DIVISION STATISTICS

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

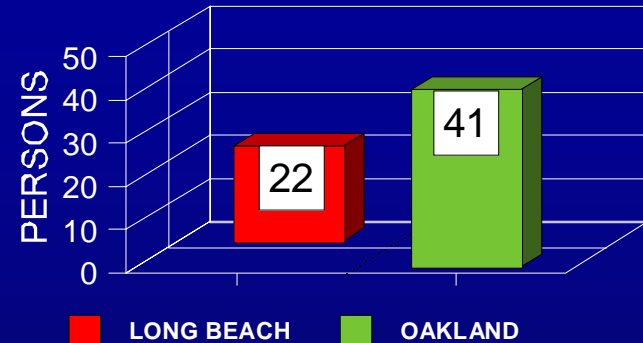
- Total Number of Jury Trials with Verdict/Judgment *in favor* of the City of Long Beach: 5 of 8
- Total Number of Court Trials with Verdict/Judgment *in favor* of the City of Long Beach: 1 of 1
- Total Number of Appellate Decisions *in favor* of the City of Long Beach: 4 of 6
- Total Number of Cases Resolved *in favor* of the City of Long Beach by pre-trial motions: 27

LONG BEACH vs. OAKLAND

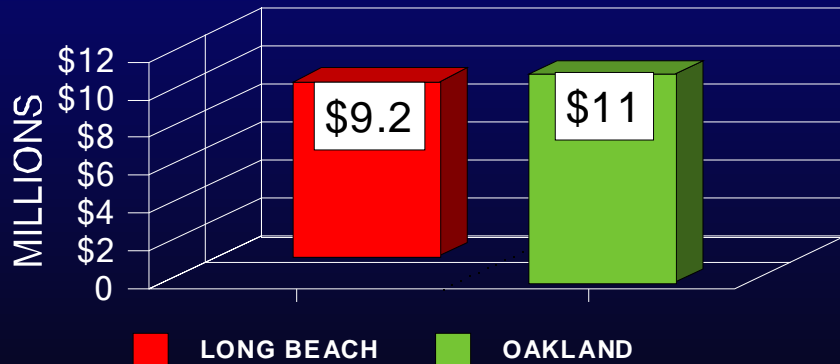
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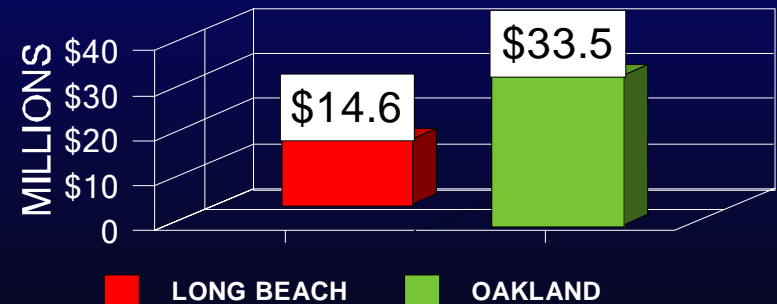
NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS



OPERATING BUDGET



TOTAL CLAIMS & LAWSUITS PAID (2000 - 2005)



CITY ATTORNEY BUDGET

| (In Thousands) | Adopted 2006 | Proposed 2007 | Variance |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Expenditures | \$ 9,938 | \$10,480 | \$ 542 |
| Salary Savings | (419) | (472) | (52) |
| ACTA Funded Attorney Position | | (100) | (100) |
| Total | \$ 9,519 | \$ 9,908 | \$ 389* |

*Increase due to Negotiated Salary Increases (COLA)
City Attorney has committed to leaving 5 positions vacant in FY 07

